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DEVELOPMEN IN SIGHT

full of suspicion, but not a word short talks. Efforts will be made was passed. They just can not to obtain an out of town speaker

Being on the Building Com- on hand. mittee of the Council of Defense, One of the objects of the meet it became our privilege to issue ing is to start a collection to take a permit for the timbers for the care of those in want. No one will derick. That is one of the sec- be expected to give heavily, but rets, but we are telling it. We if every one will do his part, we thought we would obtain further can easily take care of the needs information, but just as soon as of our unfortunate people for a they got the permit they hiked time. It is planned to systematize themselves to parts unknown, the charity work, so that all of it and we'll bet a penny that today may be done through committee they are in the forests of Arkan- and go to worthy causes. Don't sas, with their coats off, feeling stay away from the meeting in trees for the derrick timbers.

threatening suits and balling out resented at this meeting. few days. Oh yes, some of you posed of T. G Bragg, chairman; could have already had a rig on J. W. Wheeler and W M. Elliott. the ground and there are several ways it could have been better.
Yes, there is thousands of loose acres down in the canyon, but we haven't seen any matrial going out that way. We don't know if actual operations are about as near at hand here as anywhere in this section. The Tye proposition is very little ahead of us.

ment will not stand in the way of kens of Abilene is to be the most powerful armies in the With The Allied Forces in night and the following officers this time, and that it is within and patriotic message. the realm of possibilities for a Special music will be provided with truculent confidence. They stoutly claim they will not teresting to the attendants. lose their sixty-day leases, and The United Drive is on for preparation for the end now.

Remember the 10th and pay dentially hindered. your Electric bills.

SCOUTMASTER APPOINTED into it.

Rev. E. E. Dawson has accept- en in name, but one in Aim." church is the natural place for Will we reach it? the organization.

smoker, holds up morality and chairman of the Drive and will reverence toward God and man. be assisted by nineteen men and We heartily endorse its princi- women. ples and hope to see every available boy in Merkel lined up under its banner. It fills a need not othewise supplied. We know that couple of bundles of maize, are for them with all our might. miles north of town, that has de-We are against taking a boy veloped since the first rain, three the boy practical educational, a couple of weeks he will make a moral and religious advantages. fine second crop. Let us all join in and help them to the utmost.

CLOSING NOTICE

until further notice.

Merkel Drug Co. comes known.

Merkel Realty Company, if you lots, your houses, in fact whatant it sold.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS CARBON PAPER-At Merkel Mail office.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The churches of the city will have Thanksgiving services at 7 o'clock p. m. on that day at the Methodist church. The committee will endeavor to have a full program for our next week's is-The oil men came in force this sue. Representatives from the week and for days had their different religious organizations heads close together. We are all of the city are expected to make isk us with even a whisper, for the occasion, Nothing will be Guess it is because we are like a left undone to make the meeting woman (man you mean) and are a profitable one to all, and it is just bound to tell everything. | urged that every one plan to be

order to miss the collection, as a Now you fellows who have committee will doubtless be apbeen cutting all sorts of didoes pointer to make a house to house about wanting your leases back, canvass to see all parties not rep-

the oil, just hold your peace for a The program committee is com

The United War Work Cam-We don't know if the drill has paign local committee has arrang of the enemy. been purchased. We don't know ed for a big service at 3:30 Sunbut we do know that the govern an church. Dr. Millard A. Jen- of what used to be one of the Scheldt to the River Aisne. the timbers, that they have a principal speaker. Every hearer world are now fleeing in disorder France and Belgium, Nov.5.— elected: permit, that they are away at will be charmed by his vigorous and without hope, from the val- The Allied lines this morning J. T. Browning, chairman

car of material to arrive any day. that will prove pleasing and in-

ing able to get their leases back, sailors. The well-being of our every true patriot will be present at this service if not provi-

The Drive starts here locally next Monday. Let every soul get

The Campaign slogan is, "Sev-

ed the place as scoutmaster here | We have had Seven Big War He proposes the organization of Drives, and Merkel has gone over a patrol in each of the churches the top with its quota in every of the city. He feels that the case. Our quota in this is \$1,234.

WELL, I RECKON SO! This organization taboos the R. L. Bland is the general

Quickly Grown Maize

B. N. Billingsley brought in a its principles are right and we grown on Mr. Gray's place four waay from parental influence weeks ago. The maize would do nless he is to be greatly benefi- credit to a good year. Mr. Billing ed thereby .The scout offers sley stated that if frost stays off

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Do not imagine that because other cough medicines failed to give you relief that it will be the In compliance with the Re- same with Chamberlain's Cough quest of the War Industrial Remedy. Bear in mind that from Board to conserve light and fuel a small beginning this remedy we will close our Stores at 8 P.M. has gained a world wide reputation and nmmense sale. A medi-Sanders Drug Store cine must have exceptional mer-T. L. Grimes it to win esteem wherever it be-

List your property with the We want to list your vacant ever you have to sell. The Merkel Realty Company.

> W. O. Boney wants to make you that Loan on your farm.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS CAPTURED

Powerful Austro-Hungarian Army Routed by Numerical Inferior Force

victorious Italian armies before bracing each other. the armistice went into effect at | The general opinion is that 3 o'clock this afternoon, said an food will follow peace. official dispatch tonight from

sixty-three Austro- Hungarian and the people. divisions were put out of the combat by fifty-one Italian divi-

"The war against Austria- Not only have the armed forc-

er and in which were engaged in necessary. their entirety all the resources

"On Oct. 31, after having over- Allied troops continued to press. Elliott, treasurer. Austro-Hungarian divisions.

army corps, determined yester- its enemy. day the complete crumbling of the Austrian front.

once heroically conquered.

sistance during the first days of Merkel in an instante. material and artillery.

"In Albonia our advance guard ground. has occupied Scutari."

REJOICING IN VIENNA

Geneva, Nov. 4.—Vienna was Washington, Nov. 4.—Three learned that an armistice had hundred thousand Austrian sol- been declared. The streets were pledge. diers and not less than 5,000 soon crowded with men and worn guns have been captured by the en and children, crying and em- there is great doubt as to wheth- hibit in shape for the day be fore

Washington, Nov.4.—Austriasions, three British and two Hungary, the last and most pow-French divisions, with Czecho- erful ally of Germany, passed come taxes and tariff. This is a globe, they willingly endure a Slovak units and an American out of the world war today under long and bitter war. We favor couple of year's drouth. terms of abject surrender.

Hungary, which was conducted es of the once powerful Austrounder the high command of His Hungarian Empire laid down Majesty, the King of Italy, with their arms, to await the end of an army inferior in number and the war and peace terms dictatwith still inferior means since ed by the allies and the United the 24th of May, 1915, has come States, but Austro-Hungarian to an end," said the dispatch. | territory is open for operations "With unshakable faith and in against Germany. Even the mudomitable valor, the Italian army nitions of the former ally are to waged a continuous and hard be used against the Kaiser's war for a period of forty-one army if refusal to accept condimonths and won the stupendous tions now being prepared for battle begun the 24th of Octob- them make prolonged fighting

leys which they had invaded were about one mile and a half Walter Jackson, vice chairman

tions, the resistance of powerful Sedan Front, Nov. 5, 6 p.m .- The adopted and the following comwe firmly believe they will not. \$170,500,000 for the seven big enemy rear guards, our troops American Army has thrown mittees appointed: So if any of our citizens expect Welfare organizations that are consisting of fifty-one Italian formidable force across the Browning and Groene—Coop- ily the past week. to have heart failure on not be- working among our soldiers and divisions, with Czecho-Slovak Meuse to the east bank. The eration. units and an American regiment, enemy resistance here has been Bragg, Elliott and Wheelerwe would advise them to make men is involved in this drive, and put out of combat sixty-three broken to the point of demorali- Thanksgiving services. zation and the Americans are "The rapid and most daring pushing northward toward Stenadvance of the 29th army corp ay. By this afternoon the enemy of the pastor and two members young folks with a party on last to the city of Trent, precluding was in full retreat northward. from each church, a member of Saturday night. the retreat of the defeated He was offering little opposition the City Council, the Mayor, the Odell Herring returned to Pawest by the 1st, 6th and 4th were seen to be full of the flee-

DANGEROUS

"From the river Brenta to the As winter is coming on us, a sea, irresistible imputes of the pole or wire may be broken by 120th, 12th and 80th army corps winds and sleets, so remember pressed inexorably the enemy re- yourself and especially train treating across the plain. The your children not to touch any Duke of Aosta is advancing rapid wire that is broken and lying they do not contribute money for ly at the head of his invincible on the ground, not even a Telethird army, anxious to return to phone wire as it may be lying charitable purposes except throthe old positions which he had across a HIGH VOLTAGE electric line, there could be enough "The Austro-Hugarian army power in the innocent looking is destroyed. It has suffered wire to kill every MAN, WOMheavy losses in the tenacious re- AN, CHILD, COW and PIG in The charity work of the city is speedy recovery.

Merkel Power Co.

We had an extremely quiet lection last Tuesday. Merkel went Democratic. The old Ferguson standbys did not flop over to the Republican party, as some of our friends seemed to think. We knew they woudn't. We knew delirious with joy when it was they were men of backbone and great Merkel country expect to would stand by their primary be on hand with their choice

THE ELECTION IS OVER

er the house will retain a major- the crowd begins to come in. ity for the Democrats and there It is claimed that every exhibitor is some doubt as to the result in who showed last year will be The report that Emperor Char the senate. It can not be constru- here and many more besides. Rome. This included all captures les has abdicated aroused little ed that this is a slap at Wilson, It is a well known fact that the since the offensive began on Oct. interest. The Austrian press is however. Many people concede Merkel poultry is the very best attempting to claim the popula- that he is stronger than his par- grown anywhere. They always The soldiers of the once power- tion, emphasizing the fact that ty. No criticism, it seems, can be take the prize wherever shown. ful Austrian army, the dispatch the armistice terms are of a brought against his war policy. Then, again the Merkel people said, continued to flee in disor- most severe nature and involve It is believed that the republi- are not satisfied with anything der. Since the offensive started great sacrifices to the empire cans will stand by him just about short of the very best. If they if such eventually proves to be make one crop that can not be the case, is caused by high in-excelled in any country on the overwhelming tariff. We believe to the exhibit and there is no that in the end this phase of leg- limit placed upon the exhibitors. islation will win.

day. G. M. Sharp.

London, Nov. 5.-The Ger- The United Charties of Merkel if possible. We commend the "So far the enemy has in our mans are retreating on a seventy has perfected organization. A move. if the timbers have been bought, day afternoon at the Presbyteri- hands 5,000 guns. The soldiers five mile front from the River meeting was held at the Com-

from Ghent, toward which the H. F. Groene, secretary; Wm. ing wheat.

come on strongly fortified posi- With the American Army on Constitution and by-laws were

Walter Jackson-Publicity. The membership is composed A. C. Salbee entertained the

Commercial Club and the City stay with his parents. Marshal.

adopted:

"Be it resolved by The United Charities of Merkel in its initial meeting that the business men of the town be asked to co-operate ugh this organization for the rea son that this organization is primarily for their protection.

H. F. Groene, Sec."

to be done through one channel. is not for the purpose of doing place. less charity, but is for the purpose of doing more effective charity. The business men pro- Fort Bliss seriously ill with pneu pose to give nothing to any monia. Mrs. Blair and Mrs. E. M. charitable solicitation unless ap- Harris left Saturday night to be proved by a committee of the at his bedside. The family is mo-United Charities. Mendicants mentarily expecting news of his who ply their trade without ques condition being better or worse. tion will now have to apply for It is hoped that he will improve a permit. If this organization rapidly. means anything, it means a help to the merchants, and they seem If you are going to want a advocated. A poor widow in see W. O. Boney at once. town might be in distress and from imposition.

A POULTRY EXHIBIT

The fine poultry raisers of the birds Saturday. They are all urg-On the face of the returns ed to come early and get the ex-

as faithfully as the democrats, were they would move to a more Doubtless the loss of the house, congenial climate. Why just to

the income tax as against an There is no expense attached If you have something you want to show, just bring it along. Expected seed oats by Satur- Don't wait for an invitation. You are free to exhibit and you are welcome.

A HUMANE MOVE

Every business man in Merkel has agreed to close his place of business for one hour during the funeral of any soldier, his wife or child in the local cemetary, and futher, to attend the funeral

NOODLE NEWS

There are a few cases of the "flu" in our community yet.

The farmers are all busy sow-W. N. Farris is just recovering

from a spell of infulenza. Mrs. A. B. Ely and daughter,

Bertha, visited Bill Ely and fam-J. C. Thompson, family and

also his sister, Ruth, returned to Paducah after a visit with relatives.

enemy troops pressed from the and the roads toward the north Chairman and Secretary of the ducah last week after a few days Otto Bicknell happened to a

The following resolution was painful accident last Saturday, when he fell and broke his shoulder bone. He is reported impoving nicely.

Schools opened Monday with a good attendance.

Helen Thompson is visiting her brother, W. C. Thompson at Stamford.

Miss Kate Askins of Hodges is visiting relatives here this

Uncle Gabe Holmes is on the sick list. We hope for his a

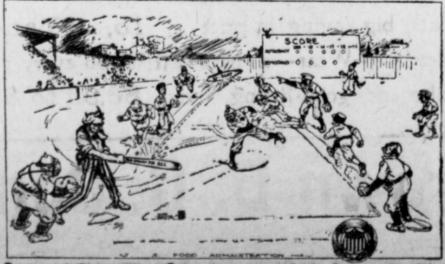
Mrs. J. W. Bicknell received the offensive and in the pursuit We will appreciate it if you Through this method, those who word last Thursday that her it lost an enormous quantity of will phone us day or night if a take advantage of different father, T.A. Robertson of Ala., pole or wire is seen on the means of obtaining charity will was very sick with pneumonia. 1t2c. be investigated. The movement She left immediately for that

Tom Blair is in the hospital at

glad to stand by the principles loan on that farm you had better

yet would not make her needs Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Hendricks known and continue in need; a and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mashbrazen mendicant can collect a burn and three children left Monnice sum any day. This organi- day in their car for Colton, Cal., zation will help us deal justly where they will reside in the fuwith those in need, and save us ture. These good people have resided here for the past 15 years.

The Pinch Hitter



It was tightening of the American belt that made this hit possible. The game is won if we keep it up,

THE FARMERS STATE

¶ You insure your Home and your Life; why not your Money?

This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and offers you the protection afforded by the State Guaranty Fund of Texas.

We Pay The Premium

Capital and Surplus Fund \$65.000.00

SHILOH NEWS

School was to begin here this norning, but was postponed on ccount of the sickness of one of he teachers, Miss Mattie Jones,

Sick in this community are Lawler's two children.

chool days.

Ernest McCright and Joe Green were in Merkel Saturday, ter in my life. J. W. Tiner was in Merkel Sat-

Hayes Wheatly, Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elige

McCright made a business trip to ocean." He is right about it. The Anson Monday.

came in last week from Ranger. They visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gray son a few days, and then moved to Merkel where she will make

Mrs. Ernest McCright is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cox, of Golan this week.

Floyd Grayson left Sunday for trip in West Texas.

Miss Alice Brown visited Miss Maude Green Sunday.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease. greatly influenced by constitutional con-ditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for

circulars and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hail's Family Pills for constipation.

W. C. CAMERON WRITES

Dear Father-You have no dea how much one appreciates letters from home. Some how the shells seem to burst a little furf Hebron, who is suffering with ther away, (or else they don't sound so murderous) when a fellow is carrying a new letter from Mrs. W. K. Kirk and Mrs. John home. Of course a letter is still fresh after the fourth reading. Cotton is about all picked and I can't complain, for my mail the children are ready for the comes more regularly than I ever dreamed it would.

I am well and never felt bet-

I'm working in the ambulance station at the front and believe Several of our young men have me we are having a warm time. eceived cards notifying them to The German shells are bursting be ready to go to work for their and their little "infinitesimal allies" on the inside. It is said Mr. and Mrs. Rob Condor and "that a fellow dosen't make a Mr. and Mrs. J W. Green were good soldier until he gets a the dinner guests of Mr and Mrs couple of divisions of 'cootes on him."

A negro soldier said, to me the Howell, a fine baby boy, last other day "You can talk about Tuesday. Mother and boy doing your crosses for bravery and de victorian cross, etc., but de cross Efford Brown and Ernest dis nigger wants is "across de Americans are fighting to end Mrs. Fred Dupree and children the war and get across the ocean.

With lots of love for all. W. Clarence Cameron, 358 A. C. 15 San Train. A. E. F.

Thos. Wagley Brown of Dener is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown and family. He will remain here awaiting his call to service.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.



W. S. S.

Pledge Week OCT. 24-31

It's your time to charge the Hun lines. That W. S. S. pledge you made is due and payable to the United States government

OCTOBER 24-31

We have the War Savings Stamps here for you. Our services are yours in Uncle Sam's service.

> This Govt. Advt. Patriotically contributed by

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Jas West and Dee Grimes were in Sweetwater one day this week. While the latter was being entertained by very attractive company, the former contented himself by taking a nap in the car. Suddenly he was rudely aroused with "show your registeration card." He stammered out that it was locked up in a safe at Merkel. He was then asked if he knew any one there. He said: "Is this Dallas or Fort Worth." When told it was Sweetwater. he couldn't think of a soul he knew in that town. He was then hauled before the exemption board, where he was mum. One of the board members slipped out and phoned a party he knew from Merkel, and his identity was established. It is not known if he waited for Dee. He now says he does not like Sweetwater. He carries his registeration card on a red silk cord about his neck.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Miss Alma Wells is spending a few days with her brother in Brownwood. He will leave for service in a few days.

Rogers has everything you could want, fresh or canned. Come get our prices.

Ona Fay Rose has been right sick with the influenza, but is much improved.

GLYCERINE MIXTURE FOR APPENDICITIS

Merkel people can prevent appendicitis with simple bucthorn bark, glycerine, ect., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. One spoonful flushes the entire bowel tracts so completely it relives any case sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The instant, pleasant action of Adler-ika surprises both doctors and pa tients. Leaves stomach clean and strong. Sanders Drug Store.

REAL SNAPS FOR YOU

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Mens dark grey stripe Moleskin Pant	2.50
Mens dark grey stripe Moleskin coat	4.50
Mens medium heavy ribbed underwear suit	1.25
Mens full weight, best ribbed union suits	1.90
Boys full weight, best ribbed union suits 95c &	1.00
Ladies full weight, best ribbed union suits	1.45
Ladies medium weight ribbed union suits	1.25
Girls full weight (taped with buttons for bloomers) ribbed union suits	1.00

Some Odds and Ends of one-piece Underwear for boys & girls, ribbed fleeced, small sizes, each 250

A dandy Percale, lights and darks

Lots of Hosiery for men, boys, ladies and misses at one-third less than wholesale price to-day

Kirschbaum suits for men \$20, \$25 and \$30 Over Coats, big saving in price 15, 18 and 20 Ladies Ready-to-Wear---a GOOD SAVING on every garment Boys well-made, good-fitting suits \$6.95 to \$11.85

The Brown D. G. Company

LOCAL NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. Campbell and little son, Paul, have been visiting his mother, Mrs. E. A. Campbell, and sister, Miss Ruby, for the past week. Rev. Campbell occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday evening. He dealt eloquently with the . last words of Jesus, "It is finished," to a large and appreciative audi-

W. O. Boney can get you a loan on that farm mighty quick. Better see him now.

Mrs. J. M. Arnett, of Dallas is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes, of French Pasture.

I will buy anything I can use of find a market for. So bring along what you have to sell. W. P. Duckett.

Hooverize, and get your childrens' winter underwear at A.L. Jobes. Save half.

Miss Elsie Sharp is just recovering from an attack of the "flu."

Why not take a business education and be of some help in winning the war. The Merkel Business College can give you the very best training in shorthand and typewriting to be had. A new class is just starting.

Miss Girlie Howard is on the sick list.

Peanut oil at G. M. Sharps.

Soldiers Christmas Packages

Acting under Government instructions the following Red Cross committee will act in connection with the local Post Office in examining and mailing all the holiday packages to soldiers!

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kimmins, Mrs. Lytton Howard, Mrs. John Morgan, Miss Jewel Pate.

One package to a soldier, and that limited to 3 pounds. No packages mailed after Nov

Mrs. H. C. Williams, Chairman Local Red Cross.

CALLED HER FAMILY BEDSIDE

Si: Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex .- Mrs. Mary Kil- the better. That was six years ago man, of this place, says; "After the birth of my little girl ... my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable ... I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot . . .

I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that forts, each month? Or do you feel evening I called my family about weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, me ... for I knew I could not last give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a many days unless I had a change for trial.

and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less ... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life ... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sic.s, or other discom-J. 71

CHURCH NEWS

Get Ready For Thanksgiving A Union Thanksgiving Service is to be held this year on Thanksgiving Day-November 28. It attractive music will be a part of in every phase of the work. parts of the program.

Americans never had such occa- department will be carried there sion to offer thanks to God as next Sunday—the Beginners. they have this year. We will prob The pastor will occupy the ably have peace by that time. pulpit at 11 o'clock and at 7. A and oats on every train. Bob The rains have fallen and thou- new series of messages will be- Martin. sands of acres of pretty grain are gin in the morning services on to be seen. The epidemic is pass- "Church Problems." The first ing. Let's have a really great day number will be, "The Spiritual of it. Don't plan to go off hunt- Problem." At the evening hour ing, or for some other diversion. the theme will be, "Jesus as a Plan to keep the day as the Pres- Social Man." ident (God bless him!) has asked We give cordial invitation to tage of our combination subscrip Mine a weapon of love to wield. us to keep it.

Song, Prayer.

Lesson, Jno. 16:16, Leader. Song, Prayer. Five Minute Talks-Mrs. C.B.

Smith and Mrs. Carpenter. Vision and Occupancy, Mrs. J. L. Harris.

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Life Story of Missionary, Mrs. Ralph Henson. Duet, Mesdames, Perminter

and Johnson.

Friends of God, Mrs. Perminter.

Leaflet, Mrs. Parker. Sole, Mrs. Sanders. Prayer.

All the ladies of the town are invited at the church Nov. 11. at 2 o'clock.

The following program will be the dead letter office on Store. given by the Woman's Missio- Nov. 20th. nary Society, at the Methodist church, Sunday night, Nov. 10. Merkel, Texas.

Song, Chior. Devotional, Mrs. Williams. Song, Leaguers. Paper, Mrs. W.D. Hutcheson. Company. Solo, Iris McClary

Reading, Mrs McSpadden. Quartett, Mesdames Johnson es at A. L. Jobes. and Sanders, Messrs Connor and Henson.

Story, Mrs. Perminter. Recitation, Little Girls. Duet, Misses Bess Tucker and Realty Company.

Annie Mae Costephens. Offering, Doxology, Benedic-

At The Baptist Church Things are "coming back"

the program, and a sermon in The new arrangement for two sell list with us quick. The Merkeeping with the day, and a gen- departments to meet in the kel Realty Company, at the Mereral thanksgiving expression Southside Christian Church kel Mail office. from the people, will also be building is working admirably. The house is being made comfor-Make your plans to attend. table and "homey" and another

citizen and stranger, saint and tion offer. sinner, old and young, rich and Methodist Missionary Program poor, educated and uneducated, Leader, Mrs. R. A. Martin. Those that the soldier holds most to attend any and all of our ser
Song, Prayer.

The Quality Interpretation of the field and directive and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing peryousness or ringing dear; vices.

E .E. Dawson, pastor.

RED CROSS RHEUMATIC REMEDY The great advantage over other rheumatic medicines lies in the fact that it does not disturb the stomach. Many cases have been permanently cured by this remedy. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

Advertised Letters.

payment of one cent. Bruce, C. H.

Jones, Mrs. Dan. Erevia, Bernave Rosas, Elijia.

H. C. Williams, Postmaster.

Call on us for heaters and stove pipe. Crown Hardware

Plenty fresh flour and groceri-

That, 190-acre farm near Trent is an exceptional bargain at \$35 per acre. See The Merkel

Mules and Mares WANTED

I will be at the Hellums Wagon Yard the balance of this week and want to buy mules 5 to 8 years old; also good broke mares. Bring them in.

M. B. WEST

Miss Maud Martin has been ick the past week.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps

The Swann family has been hit pretty hard with the "Flu". About five members of the family are now in bed.

Expecting shipment of corn nd oats on every train. Bob

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair are in receipt of a message stating that their son, Kyle, has safely arrived overseas.

Corn, chops and oats at the rown Hardware Company.

Lynn McSpadden is laid up rith the "Flu," but is improving. Seed oats at G. M. Sharps.

Rev. Baker writes from Phoen x, Ariz., that he and Mrs. Baker are enjoying good health.

Plenty of corn and oats at Bob Martin's.

Sydney Cox left a few days go for army service.

Don't forget the sale at Jobe's Store. Nov. 9th to 16th.

We are going to place our exwill be of interest to all the Mer- again. Sunday school and every clusive listings in book form and kel people and those of the sur- other service was well attended send agents to the moneyed cenrounding country. Special and last Sunday. Interest was shown ters "where there is something doing." If you really want to

> W. C. Calvert and family of Sweetwater spent Monday in Merkel, visiting his mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert.

Expecting shipment of corn

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching. Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c. "Back of my soldier in the field E. L. Kelso of Route 4 drop-

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head

in the head. E.W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c. we'll get it. The Merkel Realty

Boschee's German Syrup.

will quiet your cough, soothe the inflamati:: of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tuber, insuring a good night's rest, free from coughing and with easy expectoration in the morning. Made and sold in America for fifty-These can be redeemed upon two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. That our defenders shall have to member of the Merkel High Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, These letters will be sent to etc. For sale by Grimes Drug



DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad

company continue to keep those signs at every crossing? Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need do to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars." Nothing is ever completed in the

advertising world. The Department Stores are a very good example-they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a

ood business. If it pays to run a few ads 'round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run ad-

vertisements about all the time. It's just business, that's all, to ADVERTISE in THIS PAPER

LOCAL NEWS Well "Armed"!



When company comes there is no time to waste-no chances to be taken—so mother sees that there is always a can of

CALUMET BAKING POWDER

on hand. Cakes, pies, doughnuts, muffins and all good things to eat must be dressed up in their best taste and looks.

Then, too, her reputation as a cook must be upheld — and she "stakes" it on Calumet every time. She knows it will not disappoint her. Order a can and have the "company" kind of bakings

Calumet contains only such ingredients as have been approved officially by the

U. S. Food Authorities. You save when you buy it. You save when you use it.

MARCHING BEHIND

(By Caroline Ticknor)

'Back of my soldier in the field, His to command brave men in ed in Thursday and took advanthe strife,

> To soothe, to comfort, to help to cheer.

Gladly I turn to this task of mine If we haven't what you want To work for the women behind the line.'

> 'I'm marching on," cried the mother brave, Back of my soldier across the

He fights this country's cause to save.

He leaves a sacred trust with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Cooper and

fires bright, To serve and to save with a pat- of Trent conducted the services.

riot's might. eat.

Beef and sugar, fat and wheat."

I'm marching on," said the maiden fair, 'My brother's a private far away

He's doing his bit with the boys

over there, 'm doing my bit with the ones that stay.

I'm training the girls for farm and field, That crops may flourish and the

gardens yield; For we must answer this nation's

call, And our abundance replenish all.

hers and wives.

true, Giving our strength as they give thier lives,

and blue.

For us they are holding behind every step of the way, Our men to nurse, and to clothe, and to feed,

We're marching on with this Nation's needs."

YOUR FACE IS YOUR FORTUNE

A thousand people look at your face while one glances at your feet—yet— you spend money to keep your shoes n condition and neglect your face. RED CROSS Shaving Lotion (the of choose shaving location (the state of the state of the sink of condition. This and other RED CROSS tollet articles sold only by

Grimes Drug Store

ANOTHER FINE RAIN

Early Thursday morning over half an inch of rain fell in Merkel. Clouds are hanging low, and we would predict more, but some the greatest campaign of their of the people out here are begin- history to raise in cash, by the ning to regard us as old-timers, December meeting of the Bapand of course would place us in tist General Convention, the sum an objectionable class. Therefore, of \$300,000.

What Would You Do?

would you do to relieve the pain? ognized ways. cloth will relieve the pain almost joned in Texas. The work of the the parts to heal without leaving fect and significance. a scar. For sale by all dealers.

KAISER REFUSED TO RE-TURN TO BERLIN

to the Express from Amsterdam support of their retired preachsays: "It appears that the Kais- ers who are incapacitated for er left for Great Military Head- self-support. They also maintain quarters without telling any a home for aged ministers at member of the Government he Palacios. They have two great intended to leave. He departed be hospitals, one at Dallas and ancause he heard that the abdica- other at Houston, with two more tion question had been brought in contemplation, one at Waco,

quarters to ask him to return ment themselves. immediately.

is with my army.'

course now at the Merkel Busi-

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and en-

riching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

Feed oats at G. M. Sharp's Lee Cooper Dead.

Death came to the home of took away their son, Lee, on Nov. Mine to keep burning the home- 2. He was buried in Rose Hill Lee was 15 years of age and a School student body.

Our sympathies go out to the stricken family, a couple of the other member of the family are down with the same disease.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an un-healthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC given regular! for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, im prove the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Sam Mattingly Dead

tingley, aged 33, of Noodle as its victim on October 31. Burial took Groner, 720 Slaughter Building, place at Shiloh the following day. Dallas. We're marching -sisters, mot- He is survived by his widow and a couple of children. Rev. W. K. Back of our soldiers, brave and Horn conducted the funeral ser-

tious member of the Baptist Marching under the red, white church and was highly respected years ago when I began taking by all who knew him.

the bereaved family in this their and from headache and a tired, dark hour.

Better see W. O. Boney and let him make you a loan on that farm while you can get it.



TEXAS BAPTIST TO RAISE \$3000,00 FOR ARMY CAMP WORK AID CHURCHES

The Baptists of Texas are in

we can not afford to predict more | This is the largest amount in cash every asked for by them in It just keeps coming, and a simple campaign. It is urgentcould not fall prettier. Gradual- ly necessary that this entire aly the ground is getting soaked. mount be raised in order to take We can already see in our mind's care of the various important eye broad acres of waving grain interests fostered by the State all over this great Merkel coun- executive board of the \$150.000 try. Boys, prosperity is in sight! to finance it. This, for many Now some of you old pessimists years, has been a most fruitful just let us catch you winking out and far-reaching enterprise. The of the left eye just like you knew missionaries of the board in Texit all. Why you can't even now as within the last ten years have tell when the war is going to end. baptized more than 75.000 new converts and received 156.000 members into Baptist churches In case of burn or scald what by letter, baptism and other rec-

Such injuries are liable to occur At least \$50,000 of the \$300,in any faily and everyone should 000 objective will be invested in be prepared for them. Chamber- providing for religious services lain's Salve applied on a soft for many thousand soldiers statinstantly, and unless the injury denomination along this line has is a very severe one, will cause been aggressive and of telling ef-

Adequate support for aged ministers and free service for the needy poor in the various Baptist sanitariums will also be provided in this fund. Baptists London, Nov. 5.—A dispatch pay a monthly stipend to the before the German War Cabinet. which is nearing completion, and "Government chiefs were ex- another soon to be started at remely angry when it was learn- San Antonio. In these hospitals ed the Kaiser had gone, and they free treatment is given to the dispatched Dr. Delbruck, Chief sick and afflicted who are unable of the Civilian Cabinet, to head- to bear the expense of such treat

The hundreds of churches in "Dr Delbruck was met with a the drouth sections of Texas will blank refusal, the Kaiser ans- receive aid from this fund. Hunwering: 'In these times my place dreds of preachers and missionaries will be enabled to continue with their churches and their The government is paying fields by virtue of the assistance high salaries for competent sten that will be supplied to them out ographers and typists. Take a of this fund. This is, perhaps, one of the most critical and urgent calls that the State executive board has to meet. There is an imperative necessity for the complete success of the pending campaign, because of the vital interests and tremendous obligations involved.

It has been arranged to accept Liberty bonds as cash and the use of these securities will, no doubt, greatly enhance the of ferings. Churches and their mem bers are urged to buy Liberty cemetary on the 3rd. Rev. Scott bonds and give them to this cause, thus helping both the Gov ernment and the great work of the denomination.

> The interest in the campaign is State-wide and intense. It is being carried on and participated in with wonderful heartiness and with a determination purpose to win. It is being watched with keen and growing interest by the public in general. If the Baptists win out, which it is expected that they will, it will be regarded as a great victory.

The headquarters of the Baptist executive board, under whose direction the campaign is being Pneumonia claimed Sam Mot- conducted, is Dallas. The secretary of the board is Dr. F. S.

Greatly Benefited by Chamber-lain's Tablets.

"I am thankful for the good Mr. Mottingley was a conscien- I have received by using Chamberlain's Tablets. About two them I was suffering a great We greatly sympathize with deal from distress after eating, languid feeling due to indigestion and a torpid liver. Chamberlain's Tablets corrected these dis orders in a short time, and since taking two bottles of them my health, has been good" writes Mrs M.P.Harwood, Auburn, N.Y.

Why do you want to pay out several hundred dollars for a business course when you can take shorthand and typewriting at home by an experienced teach er and at a nominal cost? See

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readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a but now it looks like we have all reporter will be promptly sent to get

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open wells in Merkel that ought cruel war will never more mar to have attention. One especially the brotherhood of men. comes under our attention. It is a dug well, deep and caving all around the top, right across the street, north of the school building, where hundreds of children -An official statement issued of all ages pass daily. Should a here today says: "A German tragedy occur no one will claim Delegation to conclude an armisresponsibility. This is a matter tice and take up peace negotiathat should have immediate at- tion has left for the Western tention. The owner of the lot is Front." responsible, the city marshall is Enough said. Dire straits is life and serves no goo purpose.

We have contended that our home merchants would deal more justly with the people than to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c. would the catalog house. Some of our good friends took us to task; some of are married to the catalog house. But we knew having them cleaned and pressthat we were right, and when we ed. Mrs. C. L. Cash. know that we are right, we must stand our ground, even if the bot tom of hell breaks loose. We sometimes find a man so set in sults from a disordered condition his ways that he will not listen of the stomach, and can be cured to reason. Now we challenge any by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. man or woman to visit our local For sale by all dealers. stores and find them higher than the catalog house. We challenge them to find the catalog house within 10 or 15 per cent of the local merchant.

to help you.

It is high time for us to count Let us sell you your groceries. our blessings. Rains have fallen Full stock at all times. Crown bring in your clothers and have and we have a fairly good season Hardware Company. in the ground. Wheat is being sown all over the great Merkel country, and in many places it was a visitor in Merkel this week is up nice and soon will be ready for pasturage. This is a mighty wise step on the part of the peo- acre farm 15 miles north of Merhaps make a good crop too.

Then again the oil prospects are better than usual. It begins | Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to look like the oil people are going to get busy quickly. The only other cough medicines failed to thing that could make us feel give you relief that it will be the better in this regard is the strik- same with Chamberlain's Cough ing of a gusher. We can afford Remedy. Bear in mind that from to wait for that much desired a small beginning this remedy blessing a little while. It would has gained a world wide reputabe too good to obtain so much at tion and nmmense sale. A medionce, since we have starved and cine must have exceptional merdried up so long.

Then again and best of all and comes known.

The Merkel Mail far sooner than the most sanguine expectations of our people, numbered in small denominations. Heroically the allies held their ground until they wore the enemy entirely out. He is fading Entered at the postoffice at Merkel away. Turkey, the Sick Man of Europe, has bit the dust; Bulgaria fell by the way side; Austriafor a home run, and if something ditional surrender quickly, there If you have visitors, or if you know will be a merry tattoo beating any item which would be of interest to steadily against the walls of Ber-

We have waited a long time, got a smile coming. Let us be optimistic at any rate for a little PATRONS OF THE MAIL who do while, even if the drouth and the

That magic word flies over the ires just as we go to press. Oh, hat sweetness in its sound! It the thing we have been fightng for, and our glorious armies have won. Not a home in all this land, even in the wide, wide world will fail to rejoice tonigh There are several dangerous Let us hope it is so and that

PEACE IN SIGHT

Berlin (Via London), Nov., 6.

responsible, the city council is known to exist within the Gerresponsible. This particular well man ranks. The above is taken to has no fence around it. A little mean that an unconditional surdefinite order now might save a render is in sight. The history tragedy. Many little fellows have that is being made today is bebeen observed to walk up and wildering. We can hardly keep peep over the curb. It is a posi- up with it. We can but conclude tive danger, a real menace to that God lives and Liberty is won to the world.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic

destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted

Keep your clothes new by

Sick Headache.

This distressing disease re-

Cowfeed at G. M. Sharp's

About Croup.

Now some people seem to de- croup, or if you have reason to For some time they played varlight in doing business with fear their being attacked by that jour games and then, in company strangers. A prominent citizen disease, you should procure a with the witch, Mrs. Merritt recently placed a loan with an bottle of Chamberlain's Cough playing this role, they went out-of-town individual when he Remedy and study the directions "spooking". They all report a could have received the same ac- for use, so that in case of an at- delightful time. Refreshments commodations here. But such is tack you will know exactly what were served. life. Now Mr. Catalog House, course to pursue. This is a favo-Patron, go right along and don't rite and very successful remedy get "fiting" mad. We are trying for croup, and it is important that you observe the directions Merkel Business College in the carefully.

J. D. Gaither of Sweetwater

Why not look at that 160ple. They may expect to get pas- kel. It is a big bargain at \$26.50 ture though the winter and per- per acre. See The Merkel Realty Company.

Do not imagine that because

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

A Hallowean Party.

Last Friday night Leoel Mer- who are in Uncle Sam's service. ritt entertained a number of gril friends with a Hallowean party at her home. The guests If your children are subject to appeared in full spook attire.

> Touch typewriting and Pitman shorthand taught at the shortest time possible.

Cold weather is coming. Better them cleaned up. Mrs. C. L.

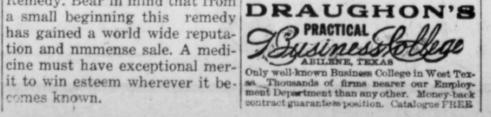
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- Procrastination will silently steal away the opportunity that is yours. Now is the accepted time. Be wise and conquer now the obstacles that will later stand between you and the coveted success that may be yours. Only a small investment may bring you fabulous returns.

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160-ACRE FARM - About 6 miles southeast of Merkel, 30 acres in cultivation, 80 per cent good tillable land, 5-room frame bungalow and new small out building. Price \$27.50 per acre. Good terms.

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1120 ACRES-The very best big farm proposition in all the country. 640 acres in one body, all prairie, with about 350 acres in cultivation, only about 60 acres not tillable. Black hog-wallow land. Four ordinary box rent houses and numerous out buildings, well and good windmill, fine water, concrete tank holding about 500 barrels with trough in connection and float valves. Another tract contains 320 acres, 176 in cultivation, with good house and first-class improvements. Two other tracts of 80 acres each. Any of these tracts are for sale, with exception of the 320 acre tract, which is for sale provided the balance is sold. Price of this land is \$22.50 an acre with the most liberal terms. If entire tract is purchased, less price will be considered. Land is owned by early settlers who picked it years ago. Hardly a better place can be found. It lies about 14 miles southwest of Merkel.

No. 325

WELL IMPROVED FARM-328 9-10 acres, 136 in cultivation and balance in pasture, all good tillable land, dark sandy soil, located on rural route about 2½ miles southeast of Merkel. 4-room bungaiow, 2 porches, 2 small barns, concrete floor in barn, water piped into lot, 1 windmill, 2 wells, fine water, good new fences of 3 and 4 wires. All improvements made in 1916. Will take \$35 an acre, \$3500 cash and time on balance. Notes against place amount to \$4700, eight annual payments at 6 per cent interest. Will take second lien against place at 6 per cent interest. Improvments include wash house, smoke house, building for blacksmith shop, etc.

No. 312

UNEQUALED BARGAIN-320 acres, 180 in cultivation: 6-room house, 3-room house and out buildings. \$1100 loan on place for 5 years. Three-quarters of a mile to good school and Methodist and Baptist churches; 16 miles north of Merkel, and about 11 miles of Sylvester on Sweetwater creek. There is some rough land, but this is an exceptional bargain, as the owner will take \$17.50 per acre for quick sale. This place must be turned

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No. 313

A FINE FARM-190 acres, 15 miles north of Merkel, almost midway between Sylvester and Trent: 135 acres in cultivation, practically every acre the very best of farming land; 4-room house and 3-room house, good well, creek water, 3 separate fields, 3 pastures. \$35 per acre. There are many desirable advantages to this farm. Exceptionally easy terms. Must be sold at once.

No. 314

NICE SMALL PLACE-Must go at once. Fifty acres, 3-room boxed house and weatherboarded, near Blair. Within two miles of railroad station and only a few miles from Merkel. Price is \$2250, with little over half cash, and balance on reasonable terms.

No. 315

160 ACRES NEAR TRENT-Well improved farm 14 miles west of Trent. This is a good buy. In a well settled community of farm owners, adjacent to the very best school and churches in the country. Price is very reasonable. Lenient terms given. Same party also owns a couple of splendid residences in Merkel at reasonable prices. Royalty alone in 60 days may be worth twice the price of the farm.

No. 316

TWO FARMS-340 acres and 240 acres, owned by same party. Will sell either or both. Of the 340 acres, 120 are in cultivation, balance in pasture, of which about 100 acres are rough. Property fronts on rural route, has two sets of improvements. The price of this land is only \$17,50 an acre. Some trade will be considered. One third must be paid down and the balance will have terms at your own making. This property is 17 miles northwest of Merkel and 11 miles of Sylvester. Good schools and good churches near. The 240 acres can all be cultivated, except about 5 acres. 100 acres of this plot is in cultivation. The price of this plot is \$20 per acre, and a' cash payment of \$2000 will be accepted, the balance to be paid at your own terms. Both these places make an exceptionally good buy. Possession can be given at any time.

No. 317 - 1472 ACRES NORTHEAST OF MERKEL - This farm is four miles northeast of Merkel. 100 acres are in a high state of cultivation, lying in a valley, and is one of the most productive farms in all this country. The place fronts on public road, where a nice elevated gravel plot forms a noll for the residence, a box house containing 7 rooms and two galleries. There is a good well and windmill, fine water, fair out buildings. This place is listed for quick sale at \$30 an acre and is well worth the money. See us at once.

No. 318

A HOME-324 acres in the best part of French Pasture, 136 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture. The soil is a dark sandy loam, located on Route 4, 5 miles out of Merkel. All improvements are new. Cash payment required is \$3500, balance on easy terms at 6 per cent interest. Improvements include modern bungalow, smokehouse, blacksmith shop building, barn with cement floors, etc.

No. 321

HOUSE AND LOT - Modern 5-room house. Frontage about 133 feet on corner. Windmill, hydrants, shed. No better bargain in Merkel.

No. 323

MUST SELL QUICK-120 acres about 6 miles southeast of Merkel at \$25 an acre. 50 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture: all good land. Not leased but abjacent to leased territory. All cash.

No. 324

800-ACRE FARM & RANCH-Over 300 acres in cultivation, balance pasture; about 100 acres rough land. 5-room house, 4 good rent houses 1 windmill, 4 wells and hand pumps, fenced and cross fenced. Land very best in country, about 15 miles south of Merkel. Price \$25.00 an acre; cash payment of \$5000, with terms on balance to suit convenience of purchaser. On rural route, phone line and near church and school.

No. 311

160-ACRE FARM-This land lies 15 miles north of Merkel. 100 acres are in cultivation; all good land, except a little rough land which is in pasture. Two good wells, plenty of wood, good 5-room house with hall and porch. Church and school within 12 miles, and 11 miles of Sylvester and Trent, on Sweetwater creek. This land can be turned at \$27,50 per acre for quick sale.

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Miss Leola Norris has been sorrow. very sick with influenza for the past two weeks.

Don't forget the man that thing to sell. The first letter of his name is W. P. Duckett.

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Sleep and Rest.

One of the most common causes of insomina and restlessness Harrison is now? He may be over Milburn Co., Mfgrs., Butfalo, N.Y. buys most everything. Go to is indigestion. Take one of Cham- here somewhere. I would like to see him when you have any berlain's Tablets immediately af- run across him. I expect if he is ter supper and see if you do not over here he is working some of only cost a quarter.

J. M. MOORE WRITES

my company. I have been practi- even some Chinese laborers over first taken with diptheria, then cally all over France and some here in France came to help out influenza, which soon developed parts of it three and four times. the good work. It seems a little into pneumonia. as I am getting plenty to eat, ple, speaking so many different in the home circle, as he was and a place to sleep, and doing languages, but I guess we will all such a devoted child. nothing but traveling.

W. O. Boney is still making Beauregard Milligan, 34th Ser-Aug 23t20. farm loans, better hurry.

FRANK BEAUREGARD MIL-LIGAN, WRITES

The following letter was received ed by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach Tours France, Sept 6, 1918. Dear Walter and Joicie-I am

Sweetwater were visitors in Mer- and sold in America for fifty- fine and enjoying the French kel Friday. They made the trip two years. A wonderful pre-climate fine, although it is a bit scription, assisting nature in |cool at present, but don't think | twist. building up your general health it gets so very cold in this part and throwing off the disease, of the country, but winter is night. Especially useful in lung trou- now drawing near. I am still in ble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, the Telegraph Office, but have kidneys. W. W. Mashburn left for Cali- etc. For sale by Grimes Drug not yet been assigned to any telegraph job. It requires a good is needed. Typest to handle these jobs and all the men here almost are strict Miss Alice Burns was called to ly Commercial operators, and you Post the past week on account of know I am not very good on copy the serious illness of her brother ing with the mill. I like the place and his wife. She left on the first fine. It sure is a pretty place with

on the Huns now?I think it looks we receive every day.

Do you know where Dewey same that Mrs. West had. Foster rest better and sleep better. They these hot wires. He could get plenty of work to do if he was home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Was-

ing and entertainment at the 'Y'. old. I am still tracking in search of The British and Americans and! I ought to be satisfied I guess, strange to be among strange peobe glad when we get back to the I have not been sick a day States and can hear nothing but at rest and for you Heaven is our own languages.

you never know where you are funeral services. Sgt. J. M. Moore, A. E. F. A going to be, or how long you are going to stay.

1st Class Prvt. Frank vice Co. Signal Corps.

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He was four years old. He was Harold will be greatly missed

Weep not dear ones for he is

made sweeter and brighter. He was laid to rest in Rose Hill age held 10 to 15 days subject to day, and he had gotten his Is he in the army?. Well I have a cemetery on last Sunday after-Highest prices paid for Old Gold I don't think it bothered him just how long I will be here, for Rev. W. K. Horn conducted the

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